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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA RECOGNIZES CHILEAN JUNTA

1. GON FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL ADVISED EMBASSY OFFICER
THAT DIPLOMATIC NOTE EXTENDING NICARAGUAN RECOGNITION OF
MILITARY JUNTA IN CHILE AS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT WILL BE
DELIVERED TODAY, SEPTEMBER 17, TO AMBASSADOR OF CHILE
IN NICARAGUA.

2. ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN THE MAJOR TOPIC OF CONVERSATION
AND HAS DOMINATED MEDIA REPORTS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL
DAYS, NEWS OF THE COUP IN CHILE HAS NOT STIMULATED ANY
UNTOWARD REACTION IN NICARAGUA. ON SEPTEMBER 13, PRO-
ALLENDE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE MOUNTED BY STUDENTS AT BOTH
THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (UNAN) AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL
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AMERICA CAMPUSES IN MANAGUA. THEY WERE CONFINED

TO THE UNIVERSITIES' GROUNDS BY THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN)., HOWEVER, AND EVENTUALLY DISPERSED WITHOUT INCIDENT. AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE A GN SPECIAL GUARD OF ABOUT SIX MEN WAS POSTED AT THE EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 13 AND REMAINED OVER THE WEEKEND, BUT THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING U.S. PERSONNEL OR FACILITIES.

3. THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO NICARAGUA, RETIRED CARABINERO GENERAL EDUARDO LEMA MOLINA, HAS BEEN QUITE GENEROUS IN GRANTING INTERVIEWS TO LOCAL REPORTERS IN WHICH HE HAS REMINISCED ABOUT HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH SALVADOR ALLENDE. HE HAS DECLINED, HOWEVER, TO COMMENT ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHILE OTHER THAN TO NOTE THAT TWO LEADERS OF THE COUP ARE ALSO PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCES OF HIS. GON FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE SAID GENERAL LEMA HAS NO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER HE WILL CONTINUE IN HIS POST IN NICARAGUA.

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